

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15654	Agenda Number	35.
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Meeting Date:	6/7/2012	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-5, relating to the sanitary condition of real property, to add flexibility in regulations concerning high weeds and grasses, to promote water quality, habitat preservation, and efficient maintenance of publicly maintained lands.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	Resolution 20110804-024
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For More Information:	Roxanne Jackson, 974-1918; Kathleen Buchanan, 974-1342
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Urban Forestry Board, the Environmental Board, and the Parks Board. The Environmental Board recommended changing the affirmative defense language to an exception.
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MBE / WBE:	
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

In response to Resolution No. 20110804-024, over the past year relevant City departments have worked to identify those elements in the City Code which were in conflict with the Wildlife Habitat Certification Program as well as other City department efforts to maintain greenbelts, nature preserves, or other publicly maintained open space. The recommended code changes will resolve the identified conflicts. The proposed changes provide the City and the community with flexibility for continued support of City programs and efforts associated with water conservation, water quality, erosion control, environmental sustainability, use of native and adapted vegetation and reduction of harmful invasives, efficient vegetation maintenance practices, carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas reduction.